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### More than a quarter of Australians provide child care: Census

- A new question on child care in the 2006 Census has resulted in figures showing that 27% of people aged 15+ provided some kind of child care in the two weeks before the Census.
- Twenty-one percent of women and 18% of men provided cared for their own children only, while 9% of women and 5% of men cared only for other people's children.
- Four-fifths (80%) of child care provided by parents for their own children was provided by people aged 30–49 years. Half (50%) of child care provided to other people's children was by people aged 50-69 years. Many of these were likely to be the children's grandparents.
- This is the first time ABS has included a question on unpaid child care in the Census. The results will assist in understanding the contribution of unpaid work to Australian society.
- Comprehensive information about child care and other aspects of unpaid work will be available from the ABS Time Use Survey. These results will be released in late 2007.

NB: The figures in this fact sheet exclude overseas visitors. Where an answer to a question has not been provided (i.e. not stated) these occurrences form a separate category in the data and therefore some percentages do not total to 100%.

Source: ABS 2006 Census.

**Table 1. 2006 Census: Unpaid child care, states and territories**

	NSW	VIC	Qld	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Did not provide child care	63.5	64.1	62.5	64.7	62.4	63.8	56.6	65.4	63.4
Cared for own child/children	19.2	19.1	20.1	18.6	19.8	19.2	19.4	19.5	19.4
Cared for other child/children	6.9	6.8	6.9	8.0	7.0	7.6	8.2	7.3	7.0
Cared for own child/children and other child/children	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.0

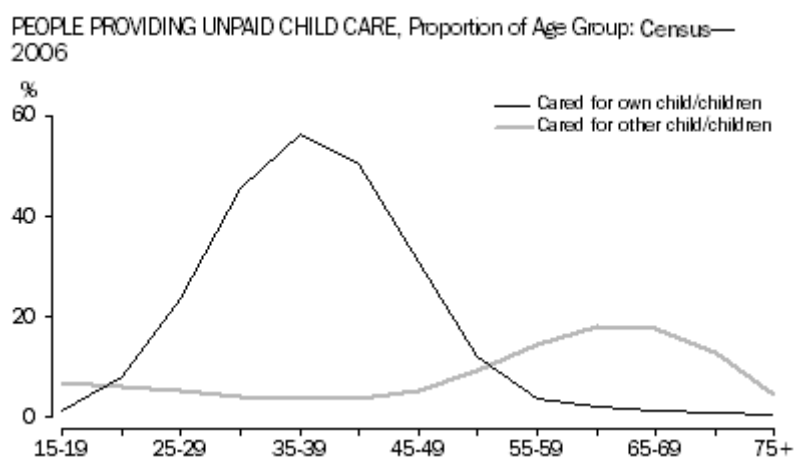
**Table 2. 2006 Census: Unpaid child care, capital cities(a)**

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Did not provide child care	63.6	64.5	62.7	65.3	63.1	63.8	59.1	65.4
Cared for own child/children	19.0	18.9	20.3	18.1	19.5	18.7	19.7	19.5

Cared for other child/children	6.5	6.6	7.3	8.0	7.1	7.9	6.6	7.3
Cared for own child/children and other child/children	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2

(a) Capital City Statistical Division.

Figure 1.



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